



City of Janesville  
Community Advocate  
Update  
May 2021

## Dear Community Partner,

We value your partnership and advocacy for our community as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are happy to be able to resume our monthly Community Advocate Update. Please enjoy the May 2021 edition!

**Downtown:** In spite of the pandemic, progress continues to be made in our resilient downtown.

- **W. Milwaukee St. Bridge:** Janesville's award-winning downtown added another award to its trophy case this month as the American Public Works Association-Wisconsin Chapter announced that the City's W. Milwaukee St. Bridge had been selected as their 2021 Project of the Year. The group highlighted the strong alliance the City had with its consultants, architects, engineers, and contractors, which helped to effectively complete the state-led project.
- **River Flats Apartments:** Tenants will move into the 92 unit complex this month. The workforce housing development provides two and three-bedroom units that scale in rent based upon tenant income. Along with two other projects, the project contributes to the nearly 500 apartment units the City of Janesville has added over the last two years.
- **S. Main St. Reconstruction Updates:** As work continues on the reconstruction of S. Main St., project updates are now available online. The community can find project overviews, up-to-date work schedules, and traffic information on the [City's website](#).

**Upcoming Event Information:** Many events are returning to Janesville this spring and summer featuring COVID-19 protocols and adapted safety measures.

- **Janesville Farmer's Market:** Kicking off the season in their new Town Square location, the popular all-local market returned with a diverse selection of fresh produce and food, handmade wares, and more. The market will be open every Saturday through the end of October from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click [here](#) for more!
- **Music at the Marv:** Back for the 2021 season on June 1, this 13-week free concert series is located at the Marvin Roth Pavilion in Lower Courthouse Park every Tuesday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. through August. Full event rules, safety protocols, and registration information will be announced shortly. Click [here](#) for the line-up!
- **Prevention in the Park:** "School's Out for Summer Fun" Join Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change and their community partners at the Fourth Ward Park on Tuesday, May 25 at 5 p.m. for an evening of fun, family-friendly activities! Check out the event on [Facebook](#).

**Aquatics Fun:** The City is excited to re-open its aquatic amenities for the summer season! The Bubbler, an interactive water feature in Town Square, is now open and the Riverside Park Splash Pad will open on May 15. Lions Beach will open May 29 and the Palmer Park Wading Pool will open June 5. Finally, Rockport Pool is scheduled to open for the season on June 10. Contact the Recreation Division for more information at (608) 755-3030 or [www.janesvillewi.gov/recreation](http://www.janesvillewi.gov/recreation).

**Community Quality of Life Survey:** The City of Janesville has partnered with The Studer Institute to conduct a quality of life survey in our community early this summer. Utilizing nationally renowned firm Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, the phone survey will scientifically sample residents of the City on a range of important topics. The resulting data will help illustrate community insights on critical issues and allow for future data-driven performance evaluation.

**Tree City USA:** Wisconsin's Park Place was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Janesville has received this special designation every year since 2003. This designation recognizes the City's dedication to the core standards of sound urban forestry. The City thanks volunteer groups like the Janesville Urban Forestry Alliance for the partnerships that make this achievement possible.

**Language Assistance Program:** As part of the Language Assistance Program, JTS now offers important information; policies; and procedures in an audible (Text to Speech) format on the [City's website](#).

Questions? Contact Nick Faust, Communications Specialist at [faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us](mailto:faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us) or (608) 755-3094





# The Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer 2021 Activity Guide is now [available!](#)

## CITY OF JANESVILLE Parks and Recreation



Spring/Summer 2021



Slide at Traxler Park  
Playground



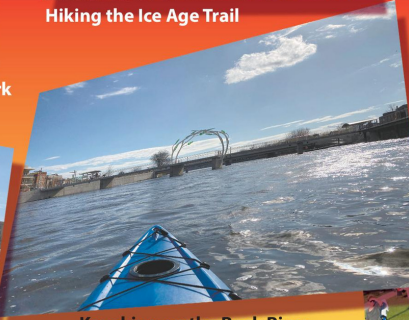
Hiking the Ice Age Trail



Biking on the  
Ice Age Trail



The Bubbler in the  
Town Square



Kayaking on the Rock River  
(Town Square Launch)



Music at the Marv  
Performance in Courthouse Park



Kids Count Camp Campers  
on Camden Stage

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2020 Service Statistics!

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